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1. In order to eliminate numerous difficulties arising in connection with the planning work done by the state governments, especially as regards reaching agreements with the SMA planning offices, an SMA order was published [REDACTED] establishing the Economic Commission as a general planning office directly subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior in Karlshorst. The Economic Commission is directed by Professor Likhovits, special representative of the Ministry for Industry; his deputies are Colonel Mikhin, director of the central planning office, and Colonel Voronin, construction supervisor, who acts as technical consultant
2. The main function of the commission consists of examining and approving the production plans which are drafted by the SMA planning offices. In the case of production plans for German civilian consumption, consultations are held with the district SMA offices and with the German central administrations; orders for the Russian army and reparations orders are handled solely by the Economic Commission and the SMA offices. The commission has also been assigned the duties of assisting in the procurement of raw materials, of distributing the planned orders to suitable factories, and of checking these factories to insure that the planned production level is maintained.
3. The Economic Commission is subdivided into branches, according to the various types of industrial specialization. Russian technicians have been assigned as directors of the branches, and twice monthly each of them must submit a personal report on the production level and any items of interest in his particular field to the director named above. Altogether, sixty-five Russian technicians, eighteen German specialists (most of whom have spent some time in Russia) and forty assistants are employed by the commission.

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